



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Structure Fire: 1030 Bath Street**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – January 4, 2012**

At 6:26 am on January 4, 2012 the Santa Barbara Fire Department dispatched three engine companies, a truck company, and one duty battalion chief to a reported structure fire at 1030 Bath Street in the downtown area. Upon arrival Fire Department personnel found a two story multi-residential structure with smoke coming from a downstairs unit. Firefighters were told by residents of the building that there may be someone inside the unit. Search and rescue operations were initiated however; the resident was safely located outside of the involved unit.

Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire and damage was confined to the room of origin. Fire Investigators were able to determine that the fire was due to combustible material being too close to a wall heating unit.

Damage to the building and its' contents is estimated at \$20,000.

Residents on the second floor were alerted by a functioning smoke detector. They were able to escape unharmed.

The City Fire Department would like to remind people that a working smoke detector is a life-saving tool. Please remember to have a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home. Remember to change the batteries two times per year.

In addition, please do not place combustible items near a heat producing appliance. Attempt to maintain 36 inches around these appliances. Many fires (especially in the winter time) are caused by heaters activating in the nighttime hours causing ignition of nearby contents.

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